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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ROBERT K. GALKIEWICZ, BRIAN E. SPIEWAK, DENNIS R. NICHOLS and JANET R. KIRKMAN

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003 originally required a reply by June 26, 2003.

Applicants desire additional time to respond to the Office Action, and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended one month from June 26, 2003 until July 26, 2003 under the provisions of Rule 136(a). Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$110.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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